

Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

Capitol Report

**Photo Captions:**

Left Photo:
Immigration
Rally
Bottom Left:
RITA-CETA
Bottom Center:
TSEU
Bottom Right
TCFV and
TAASA



Rep. Alonzo was among a host of lawmakers who participated in a statewide Immigration Rally that took place on the South Steps of the Capitol on Wed, Feb 11th. The rally was coordinated by RITA (Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance) and CEAT (Coalicion Evangelica De Alianzas De Texas). The mass gathering was a loud cry for lawmakers to listen to some of the immigration-related priority concerns the group has. These include: healthcare, dropout rates, adequate health insurance, financial aid and drivers' licenses for immigrants. Rep. Alonzo addressed the group assuring them of his support on the various proposals. CEAT, which is a group of Hispanic clergy, met with Rep. Alonzo to talk with him about important legislative priorities. Some of the issues that they group feels have a direct impact on their congregation include: education, dropout rates, college financial aid, health and the need for more theological institutions in the DFW area, particularly those that would offer an alternative degree plan for clergy.

While also attending the rally, Rep. Alonzo met with a group of Hispanic clergy from the DFW region (top left), as well as representatives of the Texas State Employees Union (top middle) and the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and Texas Council on Family Violence (top right). TSEU and the higher education personnel wanted to express to him some of their legislative concerns, including adequate pay and health insurance coverage as well as pension plans. Some of the university employees expressed concern that because higher education personnel are under a different plan, when state employee receive pay raises, they are excluded from those increases unless it was an "across-the-board" proposal.

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